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Meeting Notice:

The February 2005 meeting of the Roswell Lions Club will be at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005. The menu: Mixed Garden Salad, Baked Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce, Vegetable Medley, Garden Rice Pilaf, and Vanilla Ice Cream with Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies for dessert. Our program will include Peace Poster Recognition presented by Linda Spudic and Lions Ambassadors for the 21st Century presented by Jeff Hammen.

President's Message:

This month we recognize the youth in our community with the Peace Poster contest and the Lions Young Ambassador programs. Our February meeting will feature our winners from Roswell. Be sure to take the time to congratulate each of these young men and women so that they may know what Lions are all about.

Also, please mark your calendars for White Cane Day on April 16th and the Reverse Raffle on May 7th. Both of these projects need everyone's participation to be successful.

Lion John

Resume of Last Meeting:

The last meeting was held on Monday, December 20, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Roswell, GA.

- The invocation was given by Pat Welden.
- The Pledge was lead by Millard Berman, Jr..
- Lion Earl Ake led the assemblage in a song.
- President Hathcock began the meeting with the Introduction of our guests.
- Tailtwister Robbie Norman furthered our Lions enlightenment by asking several questions about Lionism. Those not answering were fined appropriately.
- President Hathcock made the following announcements:
 - The District 18-A Convention will be March 10-21. See John for an application.

- Camp for the Blind raffle tickets will be available after the meeting.
 - White Cane Day goal to exceed \$2000. We will have more locations and student involvement this year.
 - The Board voted to send \$1000 to LCIF for Tsunami Relief. Additional donations will be accepted.
- President Hathcock introduced our guest, Linda Hauptfuhrer, Executive Director of the Lighthouse for the Blind. Linda provided our "A Lions Moment" by telling of two people currently being assisted with sight surgery needs. She reported that donations are down this year requiring a reduction in assistance to those in need. She thanked the Roswell Lions Club for our support of the Lighthouse.
- A new member induction was conducted by President Hathcock for Vince Kartley. He was accompanied by his sponsor, Bill Parsons. The club gave him a warm welcome.
- The following projects were discussed:
- Christmas Tree Sale by Bill Parsons. The sale was successful and is over. The result is 10% more profit over last year. Bill and Francis Parsons were thanked for a job well done.
 - Eyesight Roswell by Alan Bethel. He announced that the Reverse Raffle and dinner will be May 7, at the DoubleTree. Tickets are available. Sales have started at a good pace and door prizes are coming in.
- Our speaker, Hatcher Hurd, was introduced by Alan Bethel. Hatcher is Managing Editor of the Roswell/Alpharetta Revue and News, The Forsythe Harold, the Johns Creek Harold and the North Fulton Business Post.
- Bob Garrett won the drawing and contributed it to the Reverse Raffle.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Club and District News:

June Meetings Rescheduled

Due to scheduling problem, we have changed the dates for the June 2005 meetings. The June Executive Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM.

The June Meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday June 13 at the Doubletree Hotel, Roswell.

Mark your calendars for this change.

"Eyesight Roswell" Project Update – By Alan Bethel

The program was expanded to the Middle and High Schools about 4 weeks ago so we should be about doubling the potential students that need assistance for eye exams and eyeglasses. We are making regular contact with each of the school social workers. The program is now offered to all the Roswell City Schools including the Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

We have been approached to assist an 8 year old girl at Hembree Springs elementary that has severe damage to the cornea of one eye that has caused her remaining vision in the left eye to be light perception at 10 inches. We will work to try to help this young girl through the Georgia Lighthouse.

Patsy Shuford is pursuing this with the social worker and school to have the Lighthouse forms completed. This could also be a situation where we could assist with funds. Thanks Patsy for taking on this project. and also to Kathryn Higgins for assistance at the Georgia Lighthouse.

The committee members are Linda Spudic, Patsy Shuford, Earl Ake, Jeff Hammen, Robby Robinson and Lewis Mason.

2nd Annual Reverse Raffle Update – By Alan Bethel

The date for the 2nd Dinner and Reverse Raffle is May 7, 2005 starting at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn in Roswell on Holcomb Bridge Rd. The Grand prize will be \$2500 and two \$500 prizes & many door prizes. The sale of tickets is starting to progress. We are also beginning to collect door prizes from local businesses. We could use the assistance of all of our members to secure door prizes from the local businesses you patronize.

Each member has been given four \$100 tickets and two \$25 companion tickets to sell for this project, along with drink tickets. Our couple members have been given six \$100 tickets and three \$25 companion tickets to sell for this project, along with drink tickets. Sell tickets to your family, friends, neighbors, business associates, etc. It will be a fun evening with the chance

to win cash money, nice door prizes and have a good meal and a drink. Lets make this a fun event for our Club on an annual basis and do some good things in our community. If you need more tickets, please let me know.

This project raised about \$5,000 in 2004 and the new funds raised will permit the Roswell Lions Club to support our new community project called "Eyesight Roswell". Committee members are Sally Poole, Ross Thomas, Millard Berman, Chris Wong and Joey Casada. If there are other members that would like to serve on this committee, please let me know.

White Cane Day – April 16, 2005

Project Chairmen John Hathcock and Millard Berman, Jr. have announced the 2005 White Cane Day. We have added several new locations and will need additional people to staff the new locations.

In addition, we have some youth that are going to assist us with the staffing. There should be at least one Lion and, hopefully, at least one youth at each site for each shift. Lions, please participate and let these youth know what it is like to be a Lion!

Lions Eye Health Program

February is AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month

Age related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of vision loss among Americans 50 and older. Vision loss is not a normal part of aging!

Early detection and treatment is the best defense against vision loss. For more info on AMD visit the [National Eye Institute](#) and the [AMD Alliance](#).

For more information on low vision see [this](#) LEHP page. Also visit [Lighthouse International](#) and the [National Eye Health Education Program](#).

In honor of AMD Awareness Month in February, we invite you to share EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program helpline with our community.

It's 1-800-222-EYES(3937).

Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is still not well known, yet approximately 1.65 million older Americans have this disease that can cause vision loss. Callers who are 65 and older may qualify for a comprehensive eye exam and care for up to one year at no out-of-pocket cost. This year-round program helpline operates 24 hours, every day.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes has planned the next clean up for Saturday, February, 26. We will meet in the Pickneyville Arts Center parking lot just across the Chattahoochee River from the collection site on Holcomb Bridge Road at 8:00 AM. Call Richard Noakes at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up.

Fly-The-Flag



Lion Robby Robinson reminds us that Monday, February 21 is President's Day and the first date this year that the flags will be distributed. Additional help is needed in distributing and flying the flags with this program. If you would be interested, contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook.

Important Dates:

March 18 & 19, 2005 – Lions 18A District Convention hosted by the Jasper Lions Club.



March 21, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Sally Bethea, Executive Director of The Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper.

April Is White Cane Month

April 16, 2005 – White Cane Day – We will have more sites and help from our Youth Partners. Sign up at the next meeting.

April 18, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Ray Grimbball, General Manager of Lenscrafters--North Point Mall.

May 7, 2005 – 2nd Annual Reverse Raffle to benefit Eyesight Roswell at the Roswell Doubletree Hotel.

May is Healthy Vision Month– See <http://www.lehp.org/> for more information.

May 14, 2005 – Lions Day at the Chattanooga Lookout's Game.

May 16, 2005 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM.

May 27-29, 2005 – Lions State Convention, Hapeville.

June 13, 2005 – **NOTE DATE CHANGE** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Installation of Officers for 2005-2006.

June 27-July 1 – Lions International Convention, Hong Kong.

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Pictures from the January 2005 Meeting:



1st VP Alan Bethel and Guest Hatcher Hurd talk over Lions Activities and enjoy their meal.



Lion Phil Farias discusses Lionism and service opportunities With potential member Howard Atkinson.



President John Hathcock inducts new member Vince Kartley as sponsor Bill Parsons listens to his duties.



Eyesight Roswell Update was give by Project Chairman Alan Bethel as President John takes a break.



New member Vince Kartly meets Lion Pat.



Speaker Hatcher Hurd from the Roswell/Alpharetta Review Drew the winning chip for the drawing.